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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Gordon Ray NELSON et al.

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For: Automated Semiconductor Processing
System

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) **Group Art Unit: 3652**

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) **Examiner: T. Brahan**

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 7 and 8 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 21, and 22 have been amended. New claim 23 has been added. Clean and marked up claim sheets are attached.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9, 10, and 15-23 are pending in the application. Claim 21 has been amended to correct a formality. In response to the § 112 rejections at paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action, claim 7 has been cancelled and claim 22 has been amended to meet the antecedent basis requirement. Thus, Applicants submit that the § 112 rejections have been overcome.

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